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BUILD LARGE PLANT ON CZECH-MORAVIAN HIGHLAND

In 1950, the construction of a large metallurgical and machine-building combine was begun at Zdar nad Sazavou.

The construction plan for 1951 was fulfilled 107 percent. The foundry was completed, a large administration building was built, the steel framework of the machine shops was completed, and garages, engine sheds, and the temporary boiler house were built. A railroad line leads to each building. There are six apartment houses and large homes.

The workers used the Soviet Stalinets bulldozer, scrapers, and excavators. In building the foundries and machine shops, 130,000 cubic meters of earth were moved. An additional 30,000 cubic meters of earth were moved in the construction of rail lines and roads. The machinery used enabled 80 workers to do the work. In the construction of the steel framework of Shop No 4, which weights 3,900 tons, the Soviet excavator moved 12,000 cubic meters of earth. In co-operation with Vaclav Micka, the engineer in charge, the work was organized in such a manner that it was possible to continue the project in freezing weather and snow. Hot water and steam were supplied by temporary boilers.

Footings are being poured by a new method. Instead of wooden molds, prefabricated L-shaped concrete forms are used. They are moved into position by cranes, and filled with concrete. By using prefabricated forms, the time required for the pouring of footings has been reduced by approximately 6 days, and a great deal of lumber is saved. In the case of one footing, the saving effected amounted to 35,000 crowns. In the case of the 94 footings required by a shop, the saving totaled 3,290,000 crowns.

Construction targets have been raised by approximately one third over 1951.

By the end of 1955, the Zdar combine will employ several thousand workers.

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